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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Raji Josiam Remedial Project Manager, 6SF-RA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: May 2018 Bi-Monthly Progress Report US Oil Recovery (USOR) Superfund Site Area of Investigation 1 (AOI-1), Pasadena, Texas

Dear Ms. Josiam:

Pursuant to Section IX, Paragraph 44 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (Settlement Agreement) for the above-referenced Site, Pastor, Behling & Wheeler, LLC (PBW) has prepared this bi-monthly progress report on behalf of the Respondents named in the Settlement Agreement. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement requirements, this progress report addresses the topics listed below:

- 1. Actions which have been taken to comply with the Settlement Agreement during the preceding two-month period During the preceding two-month period (March-April), the Respondents performed additional work for the RI/FS in accordance with the RI/FS Work Plan, as follows:
 - Performed monitoring well installation, groundwater sampling and groundwater tidal effects study as detailed in WRN No. AOI-1-6;
 - Performed data validation and analysis of soil and groundwater data (including slug testing and tidal effects study) collected in accordance with WRN No. AOI-1-6; and
 - Prepared summary tables and figures showing analytical data collected to date at the Site.
 - Started development of WRN No. AOI-1-7 for RI/FS Iteration No. 2 (Vince Bayou sediment and surface water sampling).
- 2. <u>Summary of quality-assured results of sampling, tests and all other quality-assured data received by Respondents during the preceding two-month period</u> The soil and groundwater analytical data have been validated and a database, along with data summary tables and halo figures, is provided as an electronic attachment to this email.
- 3. Work planned for next two months with schedules relating such Work to the overall project schedule for RI/FS completion The following work is planned for the next two months:
 - Conducting a data review meeting with EPA, TCEQ, the USOR PRP Group and Bayer
 Crop Science (date to be determined) to review data collected during activities related to
 WRN No. AOI-1-6. Initiate discussion on WRN No. AOI-1-7 for Iteration 2 of the RI/FS
 Data Collection Approach contemplated in Section 5.6.1 of the December 23, 2015 Final
 Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Work Plan;

- Submittal of WRN No. AOI-1-7 for RI/FS Iteration No. 2 (Vince Bayou sediment and surface water sampling), including a memorandum describing the development of the COPC list for Iteration 2; and
- Development and submittal of preliminary annotated outlines for the Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment and the Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment for EPA review and subsequent discussion (date to be determined).
- 4. <u>Problems encountered, anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address any actual or anticipated problems or delays No delays or problems were encountered during this bi-monthly period.</u>

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this progress report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

for Eric Pastor, P.E.

Project Coordinator

cc: Mr. Lam Tran – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Mr. Michael Cave – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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